

concerning said geographical points,

wherein said location information is stored in said storage by users of mobile terminals positioned near at least one of the plurality of geographical points for use by other users of mobile terminals when positioned near said at least one of the plurality of geographical points;

storage means responsive to a storage request, including positioning information, initiated by a first user of a mobile terminal positioned near a first geographical point for storing location information about said first geographical point; and

retrieval means responsive to a retrieval request, including positioning information, initiated by a second user of a mobile terminal positioned near a second geographical point for retrieving location information concerning said first geographical point corresponding to said positioning information.

4. (Twice Amended) A collaborative location server according to claim 1, wherein said positioning information included in each of said storage and retrieval requests transmitted by said mobile terminal is supplied by a positioning system.

13. (Twice Amended) A method of storing, retrieving and publishing location information input by a plurality of users of mobile terminals with respect to geographical points comprising the steps of:

storing location information in corresponding relation to each of a plurality of geographical points,

wherein said location information provides information concerning said

geographical points,

wherein said location information is stored in said storage by users of mobile terminals for use by other users of mobile terminals positioned near at least one of the plurality of geographical points for use by other users of mobile terminals when positioned near said at least one of the plurality of geographical points; and

in response to a storage request, including positioning information, initiated by a first user of a mobile terminal positioned near a first geographical point, storing location information about said first geographical point located at said positioning information and in response to a retrieval request, including positioning information, initiated by a second user of a mobile terminal positioned near a second geographical point, retrieving location information concerning said first geographical point corresponding to said positioning information.

25. (Twice Amended) A collaborative location system for storing, retrieving and publishing location information input by a plurality of users of mobile terminals with respect to geographical points, comprising:

a plurality of location servers each storing and retrieving location information input by a plurality of users of mobile terminals with respect to geographical points included within a predefined area, said each collaborative location server comprises:

a storage which stores location information in corresponding relation to each of a plurality of geographical points,

wherein said location information provides information concerning said geographical points,

wherein said location information is stored in said storage by users of mobile

terminals positioned near at least one of the plurality of geographical points for use by other users of mobile terminals when positioned near said at least one of the plurality of geographical points, and

storage and retrieval means responsive to a storage request, including positioning information, initiated by a first user of a mobile terminal positioned near a first geographical point for storing location information about said first geographical point located at said positioning information and retrieval request, including positioning information, initiated by a second user of a mobile terminal positioned near a second geographical point for retrieving location information concerning said first geographical point corresponding to said positioning information.

Please add the following new claim.

--37. A collaborative location server according to claim 1, wherein said first geographical point and said second geographical point are the same geographical point, and the location information stored by the first user of a mobile terminal is retrieved by the second user of a mobile terminal.--